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Minutes of Meeting held in Room 211  
Department of State Building  
on Wednesday, 25 September 1946, at 11:15 A.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Acting Secretary of State William L. Clayton, in the Chair  
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson  
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal  
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy,  
Personal Representative of the President  
Lieut. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg,  
Director of Central Intelligence

ALSO PRESENT

Under Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan  
Mr. William A. Eddy, Special Assistant to the  
Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence  
Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen  
Mr. John D. Hickerson, Department of State  
Captain Robert L. Dennison, USN

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Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., Secretary, N.I.A.

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1. REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

GENERAL VANDENBERG, using a series of charts, presented a report on the activities of the Central Intelligence Group.

GENERAL VANDENBERG first noted the objectives of the C.I.G. As expressed in the President's letter of 22 January 1946 and N.I.A. Directives Nos. 1 and 5. He then presented a definition of "intelligence related to the national security" as interpreted by the C.I.G. He enumerated the following steps as essential to the production of such intelligence:

- a. Anticipating needs.
- b. Determining most effective means.
- c. Ensuring collection.
- d. [sic] Receiving all available intelligence information.
- e. Checking each item against all others.
- f. Correlating political, military, economic and other implications.
- g. Reporting in useful form to appropriate officials.

GENERAL VANDENBERG showed the initial organization of the C.I.G. which was designed primarily for planning, except for a small staff preparing the daily factual summary of incoming cables and dispatches. He noted that the question of central intelligence services was left for subsequent decision.

BY JHM,  
(SOME PARAGRAPHS OMITTED) ^ DEALT WITH OTHER SUBJECTS)

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GENERAL VANDENBERG said that he was recruiting personnel for this activity [JHM note: "this activity" refers to CIG taking over intelligence operations in South America, following FBI withdrawal. CIG precluded, at H. Edgar Hoover's insistence, from hiring former FBI men by personal contact. He also stated that C.I.G. was now prepared to utilize, to the extent security permits, all American business concerns with connections abroad as valuable sources of foreign intelligence. (END OF PAGE 1)

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Noted the report of C.I.G. activities by General Vandenberg.

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